


Taking the High Road to Wasatch County

An “urban fringe” county with a rural background, Wasatch County is fast becoming a major year-round recreational mecca for Utah’s urban dwellers. The county has three large reservoirs, an historic railroad, and the 2002 Winter Olympic cross-country and biathlon venue of Soldier Hollow anchoring a multitude of outdoor leisure opportunities. With commuting times of less than 45 minutes, Wasatch County has strong recreational and economic ties to both the Salt Lake and the Provo/Orem metropolitan areas.

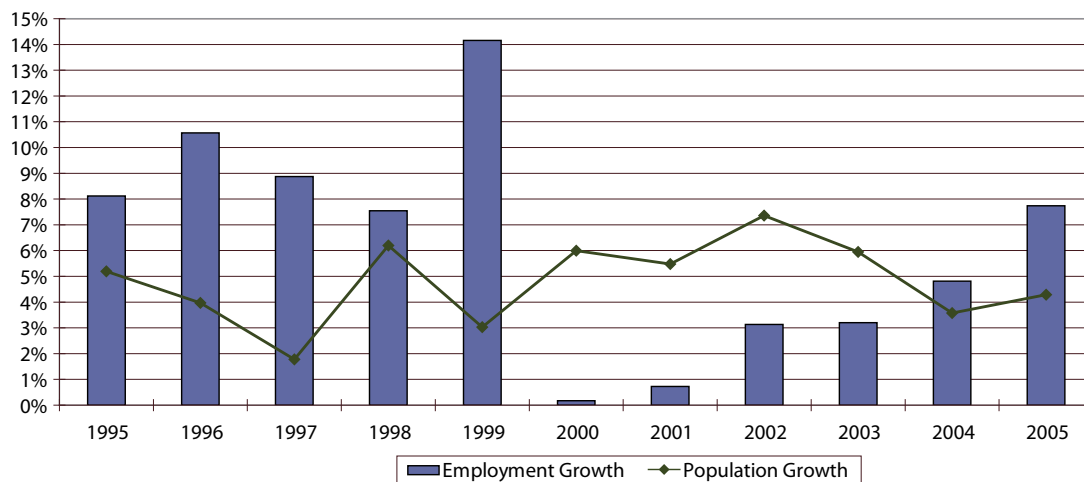
Residential construction is booming with low interest rates and people seeking to locate in a scenic, rural setting within close proximity of urban amenities.

Since the 2000 Census, the Wasatch County population has increased by 31.4 percent, making it the second fastest growing county in the state, not too far behind the blistering population growth of Washington County’s 40.7 percent. 

did you know?

- Ice fishing is popular on the high-elevation Strawberry Reservoir.
- Jobs in the leisure and hospitality industry comprise 17.7 percent of nonfarm employment in Wasatch County. The statewide average is 9.2 percent.
- The largest city in Wasatch County is Heber with about 8,800 residents.
- Eighty-nine percent of Wasatch County residents over the age of 25 have at least a high school diploma and 26.3 percent have at least a Bachelor’s degree, according to the 2000 Census.

**Wasatch County Annual Growth in Population and Employment
1995 to 2005**



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services and Utah Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget